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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

Mar 2017 – present

• **Senior Investigator/Analyst, Competition Enforcement and Mergers**

Mar 2019 – present

- Responsible for civil investigations into anti-competitive agreements, develop lines of enquiry and evidence gathering through witness statements, data analysis, OSINT and digital forensics.
- Review notified mergers to assess the proposed transaction against the substantial lessening of competition standard, draft determinations on whether to clear the proposed transaction.
- Act as CEM representative to the Digital Clearing House initiative, a global forum for consumer protection, competition and data protection agencies to develop responses to the challenges of digital technology.

• **Investigator/Analyst, Criminal Enforcement**

Mar 2017 – Mar 2019

- Responsible for leading multiple criminal investigations into anti-competitive agreements and misleading commercial practices by traders within Ireland.
- Developed lines of enquiry and collected evidence using a range of investigative tools including witness and suspect interviews, execution of search warrants as the warrant holder, data access requests and inspections of traders.
- Ongoing liaison with Divisional management in relation to investigation strategy through informal feedback and participation in case conferences.
- Provided mentoring and guided development of investigative skills for two CCPC staff members.
- Provided sworn testimony in the District Court in relation to my investigation into a breach of the Consumer Protection Act 2007 where the Defendant was found guilty. Currently have two prosecutions ongoing before the District Court in relation to my investigations of alleged breaches of the Consumer Protection Act 2007.

European Migration Network (based in the ESRI)

Mar 2015 – Feb 2017

• **Research Assistant**

- Co-author: Annual Policy Report on Migration and Asylum: Ireland 2014 and 2015; Information dissemination practices related to Assisted Voluntary Return; Practices and Procedures regarding Changing Immigration Status in Ireland and Illegal Employment of Non-EU Nationals in Ireland.
- Responsible for literature reviews, immigration policy analysis and report writing.
- Responsible for monitoring and reporting policy developments at EU level and in Ireland.
- Represented Ireland at meetings of the EMN in Brussels.

StateStreet Bank

May 2014 – Feb 2015

• **Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Analyst**

(previously Aug 2010 – Aug 2011)

- Performed Anti-Money Laundering due diligence investigations to prevent financial fraud evaluating multiple risk factors in accordance with compliance policy and applicable legislation.
- Responded to queries from clients to provide clarification of procedural requirements.
- Responsible for staff induction training in risk analysis procedures.
- Selected for secondment to the StateStreet Guernsey office to assist a remediation project.

Immigrant Council of Ireland

Dec 2013 – April 2014

• **Research Assistant**

- Researcher on project assessing EU funding under Multiannual Financial Framework. Contributed to production of toolkit for NGOs to increase their draw down of relevant EU funding streams.
- Represented ICI at meetings in the European Parliament for civil society stakeholder consultations.
- Presented in secondary schools: *'The limits of free speech and combating racism'*.

Kerman & Co Solicitors

Nov 2012 – Nov 2013

- **Paralegal & Office Manager**
 - Responsible for researching and drafting responses to a range of legal queries from commercial Irish and English clients on Employment law, Corporate Governance, Company law and Immigration law.
 - Business development role including producing content for firm website, organised launch reception for Dublin office. Researched speaking notes for Law Society lecture by managing partner on developments in company law.

Legal Aid Board

Nov 2011 – July 2012

- **Paralegal** (Part time role during LLM studies)
 - Responsible for researching family law procedures, drafting client correspondence, client attendance memos and other legal documents.
 - Gained a unique insight into public child care procedures and the practice of family law.

Houses of the Oireachtas

Jul 2007 – Feb 2008

- **Researcher**, Library and Research Service (Work placement during LLB studies)
 - Researched and prepared briefing documents on a range of policy issues in response to queries submitted by Members of the Oireachtas.
 - Delivered analysis of environmental planning legislation, transport policy, data protection and juvenile justice policy.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| • <u>Juvenile Dependency Court (LA, USA)</u> | Internship | August 2012 |
| • <u>CitiBank</u> | AML Associate | May 2010 – July 2010 |
| • <u>Tony Kirwan Plant Hire Ltd</u> | Secretary | Sept 2009 – Apr 2010 |
| • <u>Joseph P Gordon & Co Solicitors</u> | Legal Secretary | July 2008 – Aug 2008 |

VOLUNTARY ROLES

- Board member and Company Secretary **Waterford Childcare Committee**, September 2018 to date
- PPN representative Dun Laoghaire Rathdown **Social Housing Committee**, August 2017 to May 2019
- Board member **Irish Refugee Council**, March 2015 to date
- Council member, **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce**, 2015

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

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| • Postgraduate Diploma in EU Competition Law | King's College London, 2020 |
| • Attorney (New York) | April 2013 |
| • LLM International Human Rights and Public Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grade: II.1○ Thesis: <i>"Campaign finance regulation and the role of corporations in political discourse; perspectives from America"</i>○ Presented original paper <i>"The Irish approach to judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights: an international comparison with India and South Africa"</i> 2012 UCC Criminal Justice Conference | University College Cork 2011 – 2012 |
| • LLB Law & European Studies (French & Politics) | University of Limerick 2005 – 2009 |

OTHER EDUCATION

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| • Financial Asset Profiling | Criminal Assets Bureau, 2018 |
| • Certificate in Enforcement Practices | CCPC, 2018 |
| • Level 1 & 2 Garda Interviewing Techniques | An Garda Siochana, 2017 |
| • Certificate in Regulatory Investigations | Public Affairs Ireland, 2017 |
| • Communications and Media Interview Training | Carr Communications, 2015-2016 |

- **EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy**
- **Diploma in Project Management**

Odysseus Network, 2015
Independent Colleges, Jan 2015